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Bosnia and Herzegovina Confirms 1st Case of Avian Influenza in Dead Swans

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Report Highlights:

On February 20, the Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) State Veterinary Office confirmed that two dead swans found on the Malo plivsko jezero, the lake near Jajce, tested positive for Avian Influenza H5. Tissue samples have been sent to the EU reference laboratory for avian influenza in Weybridge, UK for further testing. Following these findings, BiH has undertaken safeguard measures similar to those of the EU.

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On February 20, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) State Veterinary Office confirmed that two of four swans found on February 16 on the Malo plivsko jezero, the lake near Jajce, tested positive for Avian Influenza H5. Tissue samples have been sent to the EU reference laboratory for avian influenza in Weybridge, UK for further testing. Based on these findings, BiH has undertaken the following safeguard measures: declared a quarantine within 3 kilometers of where the birds were found, disinfected the entire area, and culled the remaining swans from the flock. All households with domestic poultry within a 3-kilometer area were registered and all poultry from the area, approximately 4,500 birds, will be slaughtered. Moreover, on February 21, authorities started conducting increased animal health inspections and increased communications with farmers.

In addition to these measures, the veterinary authorities have declared mandatory housing of all poultry and ordered special hygiene, feed, and water supply measures at poultry farms. It is forbidden to hold exhibitions, fairs, and other gatherings that include wild and domestic birds, as well as to hunt wild birds.

The veterinary inspectors will continue monitoring all locations that are natural habitats for migratory birds. The State Veterinary Office has activated a hotline for the public to report dead bird findings.